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Applicant: Fabrice Vitry, et al.

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For: LATCHING DEVICE

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RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to a notice of non-compliant amendment to the voluntary revised practice, applicant submits, below, a second copy of said amendment, filed on May 19, 2003. The team leader has remarked that the amended claims did not begin on a separate section and on a separate sheet; and that all of the claims were not present. It should be noted that those claims not present had previously been withdrawn under requirement for restriction. Attached hereto is a photocopy of said notice (Exhibit "A"), the response period being set at one month from June 9, 2003 (i.e., July 9, 2003).

In the amendment filed on May 19, 2003, applicants had requested a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, and paid the requisite fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17. No additional fee is now needed.

Election of Species:

Acknowledgement is hereby made of the Examiner's final requirement for the election of species, to that as shown in Figs. 1-22. The withdrawal of claims 2, 4-6 from consideration is also acknowledged. Applicants' reserve the right to reinsert the limitations